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present hard at work on the organization of a society composed of Hawaiian citizens, the aim of which is to be the protection of the fish of the Islands and the introduction of new speciesall with Government aid. No man knows better the deficiencies in the fish supply and the causes thereof than does Allan Herbert. In the early seventies he had an extensive fish

old residents as Frank Brown and William Hunt will readily recall the experiments of those times, Sitting under the trees upon his Ka-lihi estate, Allan Herbert mused yesterday over the great things expected in the seventies of the future of the Island fish through Government protec-

hatchery at Walpahu, Ewa, and such

tion and ald. "I brought spawn of trout from Lake Tahoe," said he, "carp and catfish from Petaluma. Altogether I brought about 3,000 small fry and sixty yearlings. The catfish and carp did we'l. You can find them now in most of the creeks. Of course the carp are not as fine as in colder climater. I employed the late Alfred Bush for years in the propaga-tion of the firh, he being also the bookkeeper at the Hawaiian Hotel, After the Reciprocity treaty the water became so valuable that I had to take out repaired furniture as good as a started a carp hatchery in upper Ka-

"On a three-acre taro patch I made a pond, and with strong promises of Government aid began again the indus-try. Unfortunately, the political life of the King's Ministers was short. When I got one well broken to the needs of fish protection he was dismissed and I had to start all over again with another one. It was hard work, with small promise of realization. In my absence from the Islands for some months a freshet broke the dam at Kalihi, and all my nice little fish went into

the creek and the sea.

Judge Wilcox told me some days ag that now and then a native brings him a fine carp from the Kalihi stream, undoubtedly the son or daughter of my former charges. I always took an enhusiastic delight both in forestry and fishing, but indeed I have met with so little encouragement in the latter-that have become quite blue about success. "I suppose I spent \$5,000 in money, besides time. But now to the point. What we want to do is to guard what we have and nature will do the rest. I believe fully that it is an excellent idea to bring in other species of fish from Mainland and to propagate in natcheries, but we must not forget that the main hope of the future is looking out for our present possessions. It is the konohiki that we must watch—the landlord-the man who claims the ownership of the inland seas. We find Chinese or Japanese fishing in the Kalihi basin with seines probably 500 feet long and of a fineness that nothing can escape. We remonstrate with these vil-DISTRIBUTOR, + T. OF H. + lains and they say, 'see the konohiki.'

These Chinese and Japanese say that they pay the konohiki thirty per cent of all their catch, and that the sellers of these fish in the market pay besides, ten per cent of all sales. These figures we have not as facts, but from the fishermen. These fishermen say that only they have a right to dip into the basin, and they refuse others the permission to take any fish from the basin. Take away these fishermen for one protect by law this basin for twelve months-and you will have millions of fish. There will be no scarcity. In 1872 when Kamehameha V gave a fishing First Class Work Guaranteed party for Admiral Hillyard of an English flagship, they fished in the Kalihi Mr. Davey does not wish his sitters to accept work unless perfectly satis-factory. basin, and there were millions of fish there. Today there are few. Make an enactment of the Legislature tabuing this basin for one year, and you have the remedy. There is an abundance of fish food along the shore. The basin would fairly teem with fish if given a

> Chinese and Japanese, who claim per-mission for their robberies from the The Advertiser reporter accompanied Mr. Herbert to Puhale, where the leper receiving camp is, and there saw numerous Chinese and Japanese engaged in fishing. With a big seine they dragged everything into shore, when plying their labors near where the sewers discharge, the fineness of their net was attested to by the capture of lemon peels, banana skins, empty spools and soldiers' buttons, all of which came in with the fish. Not content with a fine mesh of eighty fathoms or so, they needs must further insure the escape of no living thing by even a finer bag into which the fish are poured when the seine is brought ashore: It is the same all over this

year's rest from the depredations of the

Island The Advertiser reporter asked the fishermen for himself from whom they had the rights to fish, and they said the "konohiki," It is understood that three or more prominent estates are the konohikis, and that they claim their rights to let the inland sea to fishermen from some old grants of the kings. Under the auspices of the HONOLU-"I have a little fish pond 50 x 100 feet at Kalihi." said Mr. Herbert. "Last February I let the sea in and had a

number of schools and primary classes of spats. Today these are from twelve to eighteen inches long, and make magnificent eating. Of course. I treat these fish well. I feed them with scraps from the kitchen, cornmeal and oatmeal, etc. Even here I suffer from the thieving Japanese. They rob my ponds at night. They come along with a piece of mosquito net and with a couple of sticks, scoop up all the fish. They seem to think the fish are free like niggers with chickens. If we had a law enacted making it a criminal offense to rob fish ponds we could possibly stop this. Of All harness races under National course, I could shoot the thieves, but Trotting Association rules, and running I am not of that disposition. One of the events under California Jockey Club worst enemies to the fisa is the idle Japanese, many of whom sleep all day in the almost free habitations provided Entries close at 4 p. m. Friday, August 51st, at the Club Stables. at the Kalihi detention camp by the Government, and who roam about at night, stealing whatever they can, have caught them in my place at 2 o'clock in the morning. It is no charity

certainly should have a public meeting

to arouse sentiment in this matter. We should especially look for the users of giant powder—I can hear the reports of these dynamite fishermen nightly in my home-and we should take care of the Japanese and Chinese seine fishermen and the konohiki. Let us find out if the konohiki does receive thirty and ten per cent of this robbery of the peowaters. It is a matter we are all interested in and we must take strong measures to accomplish anything."

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